Parliament for using the same with complete discretion. A reply was sent to the Central Vigilance Commissioner on 26.4.1999 pointing out that under the Scheme, the MPs are required to identify and recommend to the District Collector, only such works which are based on locally felt needs leading to creation of durable assets. The guidelines give two illustrative lists of works—one that can be taken up under the scheme and other of works not permissible under the scheme. The District Collectors are required to implement only those works which are permissible under the guidelines and are technically feasible. Hence, if these guidelines are strictly complied with, there are little chances of misues of funds.

(c) Does not arise.

Estimated Growth of GDP

2441. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the estimated growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during the current year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the target is not likely to be achieved;

(c) if so, reasons therefor;

(d) the details of estimated growth of GDP during the year 2000-2001; and

(e) the steps proposed by Government to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The growth of Gross Domestic Product during the current year 1999-2000 is estimated at 5.9 per cent.

(b) the yearly targets of Gross Domestic Product are not fixed. However,

the targets are fixed as an average of the Five Year Plan period. The Ninth Five Year Plan has set the target of GDP growth as 6.5% per year as an average of the five year period, 1997—2002.

(c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.

(d) GDP is estimated for the current and past years and not for the future years. The latest estimate of GDP is available for the year 1999-2000.

(e) In view of (b) & (d) above, does not arise.

MPLADS funds of Rajya Sabha MPs from Orissa

2442. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount released as MPLADS to different MPs of Rajya Sabha from Orissa for the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000.

(b) whether the balance MPLADS Fund of those Rajya Sabha Members could be used by the new Members, who are elected when Rajya Sabha MPs are retiring; and

(c) whether MPLADS Fund could be used for construction of Indira Awas Houses in cyclone affected areas of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) The total amounts released upto 29.2.2000 under MPLADS for different MPs of Rajya Sabha from Orissa for the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are Rs. 17 crore and Rs. 10 crore respectively.

(b) In respect of Members of Rajya Sabha, the unspent balance left by the predecessor Members of Parliament in a particular State, after taking into account the cost of all the eligible works recommended by the predecessor MP, may be equally distributed amongst the successor Rajya Sabha Members in that particular State for utilisation under the scheme.

(c) MPLADS funds can be used for construction of houses as a part of an approved centrally sponsored scheme like Indira Awas Yojna.